

October 30, 2007

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re M. Graupe, J. Li, J. Link, S.  
Application of Zipfel, A. Timm, D. Aldous, S.  
Thurairatnam

Application No.	10/719,080	Examiner	R. Anderson
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Title:	Novel Compounds and Compositions as Cathepsin Inhibitors	Atty. Ref. No.	USAV2001/0082- US-CNT

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**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to Final Action of April 30, 2007**

Sir:

This Reply and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) are being filed in response to the Final Action dated April 30, 2007 (“the Action”) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. A three-month extension of the period for response expires on October 30, 2007. In response to the Action, the following amendments and remarks are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 24 of this Reply.